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RELATS et al.

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For: **FLEXIBLE PROTECTIVE CORRUGATED TUBE**

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non Final Office Action mailed July 8, 2008 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. The shortened statutory due date for filing a response to the Office Action was October 8, 2008; thus a petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Applicants believe that no further extension of time is required at this time. If an extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application and is not filed herewith, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any

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fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby
authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 14-0112.